

Help Keep Lake Berryessa Beautiful...



Wildlife

The best times to view birds and wildlife are in the early spring and late fall during migration and nesting seasons. The grassy hills dotted with oak and manzanita provide excellent opportunities to view eagles, hawks, songbirds, wild turkeys, and deer. Less frequently observed wildlife include the gray fox, bobcat, black bear, coyote, and mountain lion. Shoreline viewing opportunities may include canada geese, pelicans, great blue herons, western grebes, white pelicans, wood ducks, snow geese, and common loons. These are just a few of the species that may be encountered upon your visit.

Reclamation and the California Department of Fish and Game jointly manage a 2,000-acre wildlife area along the east side of the lake to protect and enhance fish and wildlife.

No Hunting/OHV

Hunting and riding off road vehicles (OHV) is not allowed on Reclamation lands. Hunters are required to obtain a permit from Reclamation to carry a weapon across Reclamation managed lands. For more information, call 707-966-2111.



Hunting and OHV are allowed on adjacent Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. For more information, call BLM at 707-468-4000.

For information regarding hunting regulations and areas available for hunting, please call the California Department of Fish and Game at 707-944-5500.



Litter Free Park!

Time it takes for commonly littered objects to decompose: orange and banana peels - up to 2 years; cigarette butts - 1-5 years; plastic-coated paper - 5 years; plastic bags - up to 30 years; plastic film containers - 20-30 years; tin cans - 50 years; plastic 6-pack rings - 100 years; aluminum cans - 500 years; glass bottles - 1000 years; plastic bottles & foam - INDEFINITELY! Please use the recycle containers and trash cans. Remember: "Pack It In, Pack It Out."

During your visit...

To ensure a safe and enjoyable time for all, we ask for your cooperation with the following:

1. Park closes at posted time.
2. No trailers. 24 foot max vehicle length.
3. No lifeguards, swim at your own risk.
4. Pets on leash. Clean up after pets.
5. Use park BBQ grills only, with charcoal briquettes - you may use personal propane or gas grills and stoves inside park.
6. No open fires on Reclamation lands.
7. No fireworks or firearms.
8. Do not litter - Pack it in, pack it out.

9. No glass containers.
10. Park in designated parking spaces only. Violators will be towed and/or cited.
11. All vehicles on designated paved roadways only. Follow posted speed limits and directional rules.
12. Bicycles allowed on paved roads and designated bike trails.
13. No gathering wood or cutting trees.
14. No tying boats, ropes, hammocks, canopies, etc. to trees or park facilities to protect park resources.
15. Camping allowed only in resorts.
16. Respect wildlife and their habitat.
17. No collecting vegetation or wildlife.



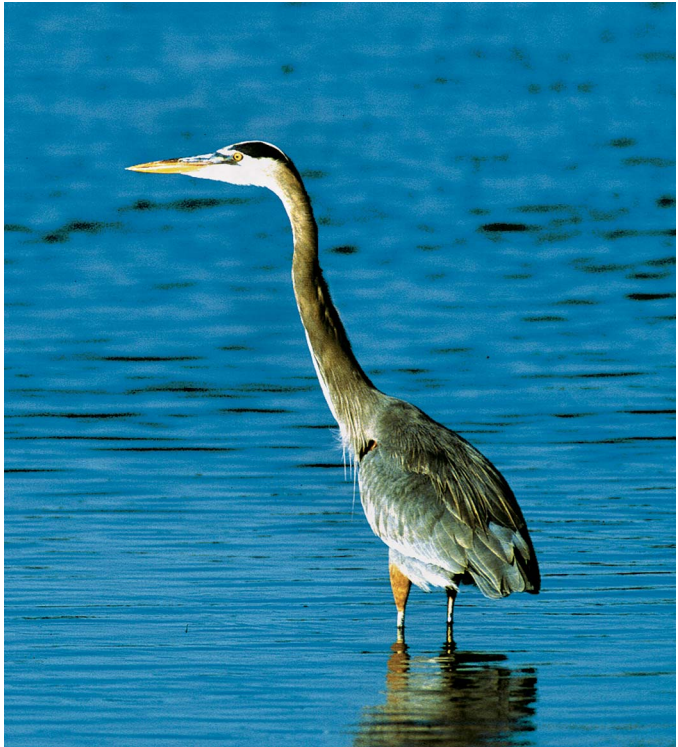
Enjoy Nature and Wildlife...

Fishing

Fishing at the lake is rated as some of the best in the State. Anglers enjoy fishing for both cold and warm water species, such as rainbow trout, bass, catfish, crappie, silver salmon, and bluegill.



RATTLESNAKES, POISON OAK, and TICKS are common here. Learn to recognize and avoid them. All three can be found in the Lake Berryessa Recreation Area, including the shoreline and beach areas. Remember you are a visitor in a natural environment.

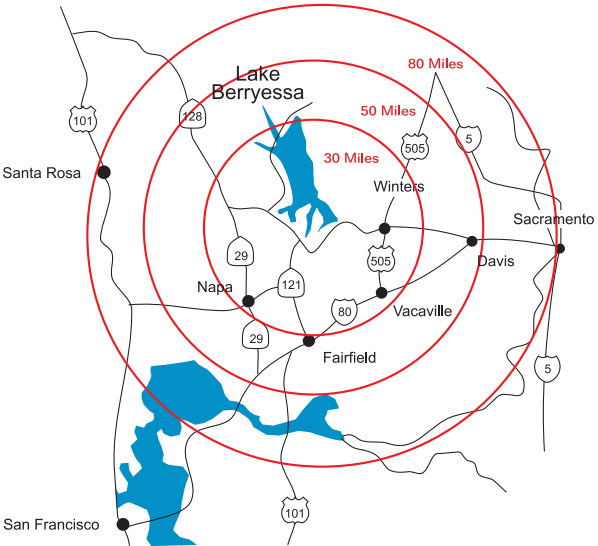


RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Lake Berryessa Federal Recreation Area
Napa County, California

Lake Berryessa Vicinity Map



Mileage Chart

From	To	Miles
Lake Solano Park	Monticello Dam	1.0
Monticello Dam	Markley Cove	2.1
Markley Cove	Wragg Canyon Road	4.1
Wragg Canyon Road	Pleasure Cove Resort	3.0
Wragg Canyon Road	Moskowitz Corners	3.9
Moskowitz Corners	Steele Park Resort	5.0
Moskowitz Corners	Turtle Rock	4.7
Turtle Rock	Capell Cove	2.5
Capell Cove	Spanish Flat Resort	1.4
Spanish Flat Resort	Bureau of Reclamation Office & Visitor Center	2.3
Bureau of Reclamation Office & Visitor Center	Oak Shores	0.6
Oak Shores	Smittle Creek	1.1
Smittle Creek	Lake Berryessa Marina	0.6
Lake Berryessa	Marina Rancho Monticello	0.6
Rancho Monticello	Pope Canyon Road	3.0
Pope Canyon Road	Putah Creek Resort	0.6
Putah Creek Resort	Camp Berryessa	0.8

General Information

The Solano Project was authorized in 1948 and completed in 1949. The Project was initiated to control flooding and supply water for agricultural and municipal and industrial uses. Lake Berryessa is a reservoir formed when Reclamation built Monticello Dam on Putah Creek spanning Devil's Gate Canyon in 1957. Lake Berryessa is fed by Putah Creek and Pope Creek and their tributaries.

Monticello Dam is 9 miles west of Winters on Putah Creek, near the point at which the stream crosses the boundary between Napa and Solano Counties. Monticello Dam rises 304 feet from the creek bottom and spans 1,023 feet across the canyon. At its base, the dam is 90 feet wide and only 12 feet wide at the crest.

The lake is approximately 26 miles long and 3 miles wide, with 165 miles of shoreline surrounded roughly by 28,916 acres of federally owned or managed lands. The reservoir stores 1.6 million acre-feet of water with 19,250 acres of surface water. Lake Berryessa is one of the largest bodies of fresh water in California and is used for irrigation as well as drinking water. The project was designed to irrigate approximately 96,000 acres of land.

The Lake's seven resorts are managed by concessionaires under contracts with the Federal Government to provide camping, day use, and boating facilities. Lake Berryessa is located 70 miles northeast of San Francisco and 40 miles west of Sacramento. The nearest towns are Napa to the southwest and Winters to the east. The nearest highways are State Highways 121 and 128.

Recreation Opportunities

Nestled between Blue Ridge and Cedar Roughs east of the Napa Valley, Lake Berryessa offers year-round recreation opportunities. Water temperatures reach up to 75 degrees in the summer, making it an ideal place for water sports.

More than a million people visit Lake Berryessa annually. Reclamation provides two free public areas, Oak Shores and Smittle Creek Day Use Areas. The day use areas offer a spectacular view of the lake with picnic tables, barbeque grills, hiking trails, off-shore fishing, beach-related activities, and shade. Acorn Beach has a group picnic site with shade shelters. For shade shelter reservations, call the Reclamation office at 707-966-2111. Camping is not offered in the day use areas and trailers are not allowed due to limited parking. Reclamation also manages the free public boat launch at Capell Cove.

The seven resorts offer boating, swimming, water skiing, fishing, camping, lodging, and picnicking. For more information, see reverse side of map.

Reclamation has partnered with Solano County Parks Department to administer recreation at Lake Solano Park since 1971. For reservations, call 530-795-2990.



Hydroelectricity and Drinking Water Supply

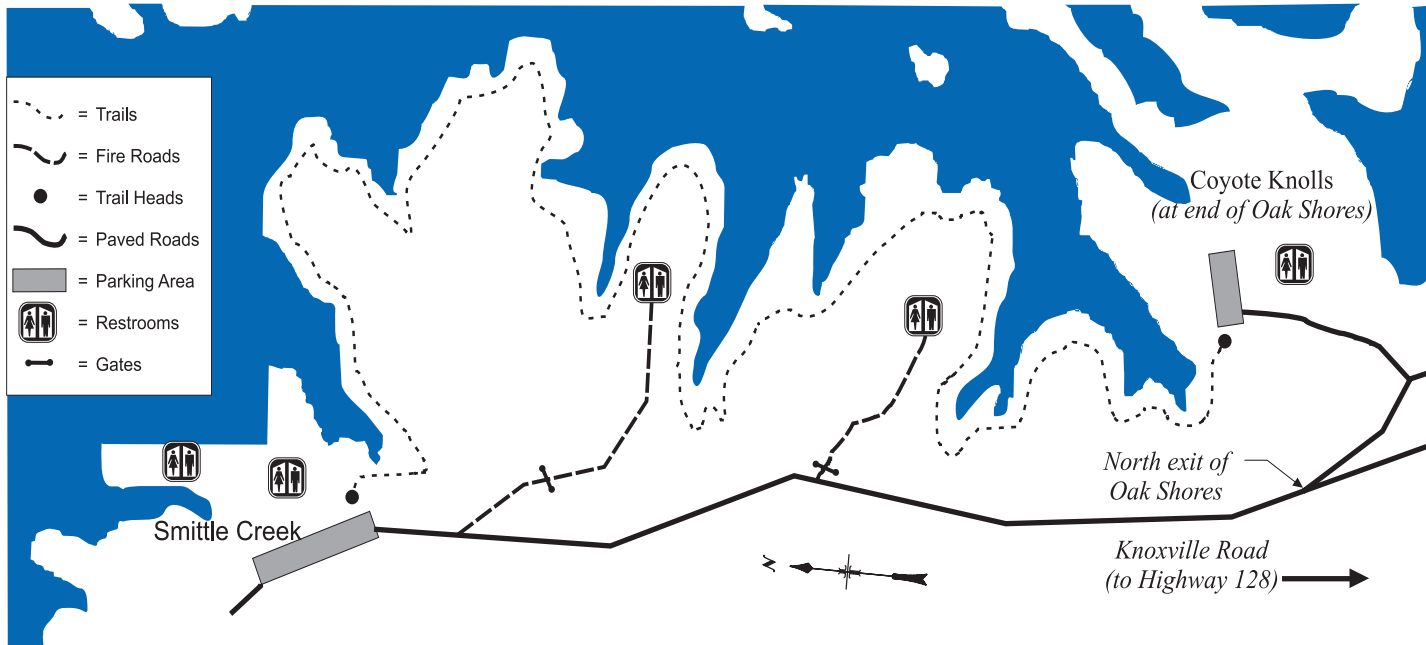
Monticello Hydroelectric Plant was constructed in 1983 and is operated and maintained by the Solano Irrigation District. It has a generating capacity of 11.5 megawatts. The initial cost of the plant was \$17 million. The average annual energy supplied is 2 million kilowatt hours of clean energy, equivalent to approximately 80,000 barrels of oil.

Lake Berryessa provides drinking water to the resorts, adjacent communities, and some 500,000 residents in Solano County. The Solano Project supplies about 32,000 acre-feet annually to the cities of Vallejo, Vacaville, Fairfield, Benicia, and Suisun. Water is also furnished through the city systems to Travis Air Force Base, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, and the Benicia Arsenal.

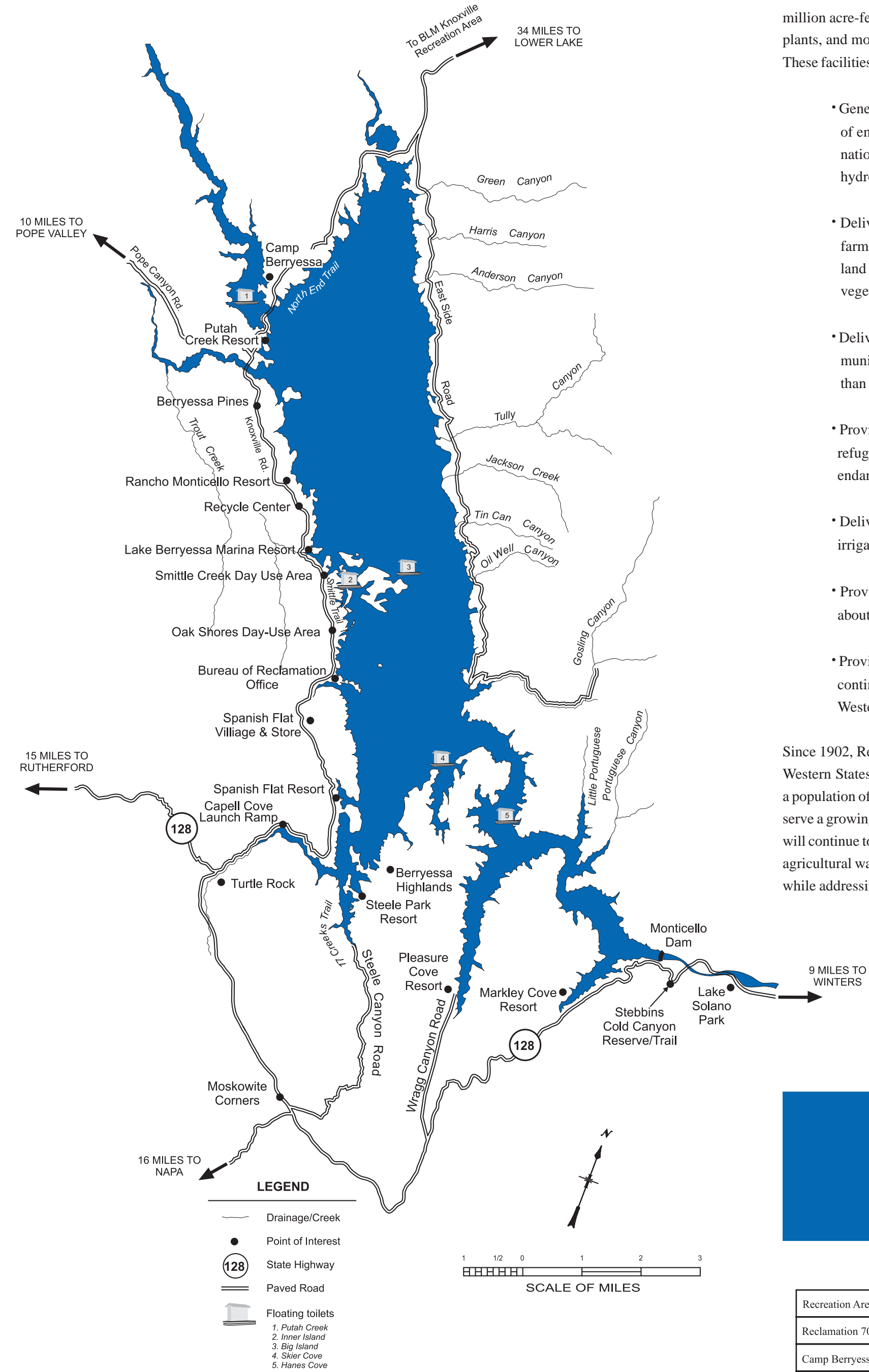
Anheuser-Busch and the Jelly Belly Factory are located in Fairfield and get their water from Lake Berryessa.



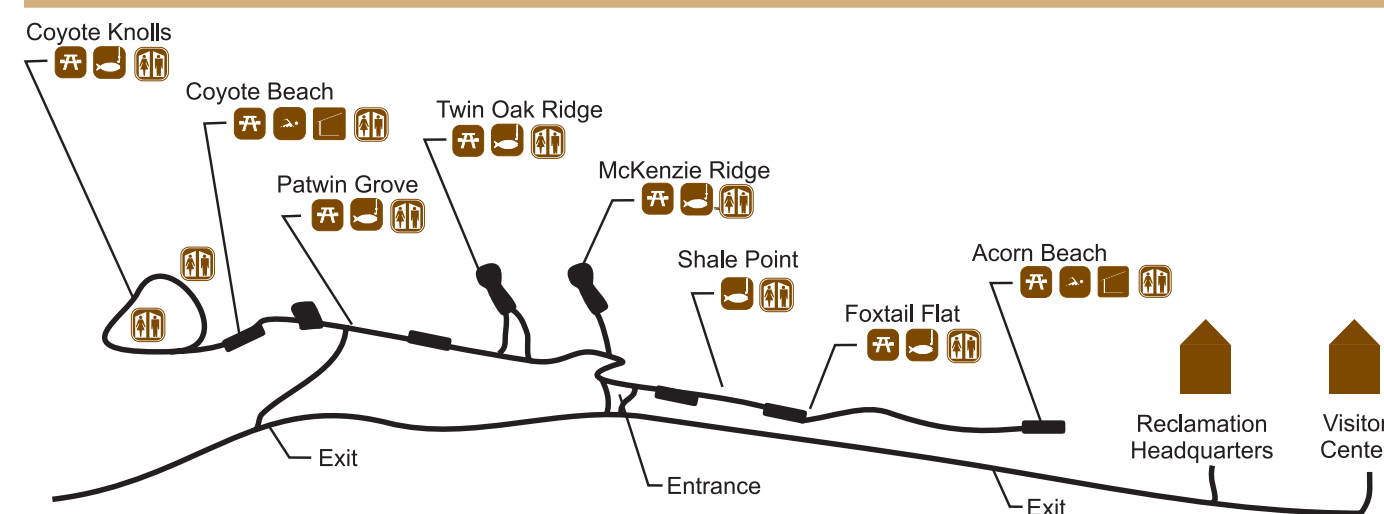
Smittle Creek Trail Map



The Smittle Creek Trail offers day-users a variety of recreational opportunities including fishing, wildlife viewing, beach activities, swimming, hiking, and picnicking. The trail is ideal for a day-hike and currently is the only developed trail on the lake. The walk is a pleasant easy-to-moderate 2.6 mile hike or five mile round trip along the shore through open grasslands giving the hiker a chance to view the natural flora and fauna of the area. The trail is located 8 miles north of State Route 128 on Knoxville Road just two miles north of Oak Shores Day Use Area.



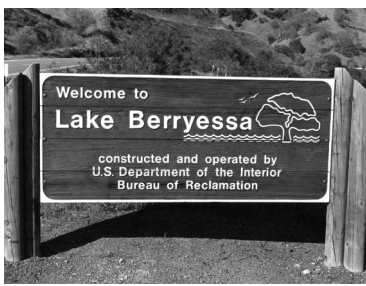
Oak Shores Day Use Area



Acorn Beach has group picnic sites with shade shelters for large groups or special events. For reservations call the Reclamation office at 707- 966-2111. Trailers are not allowed in the park area due to limited parking.

About Reclamation...

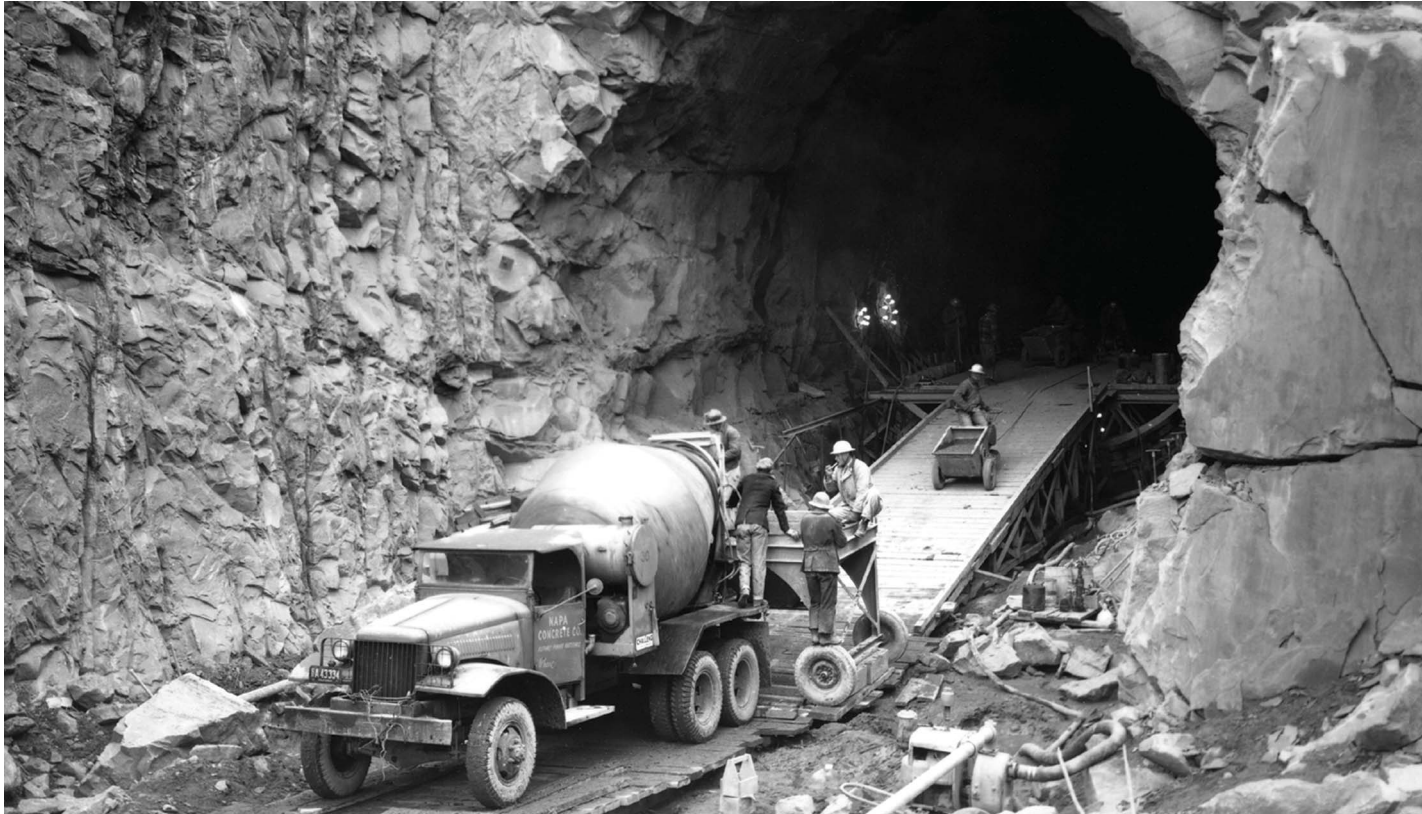
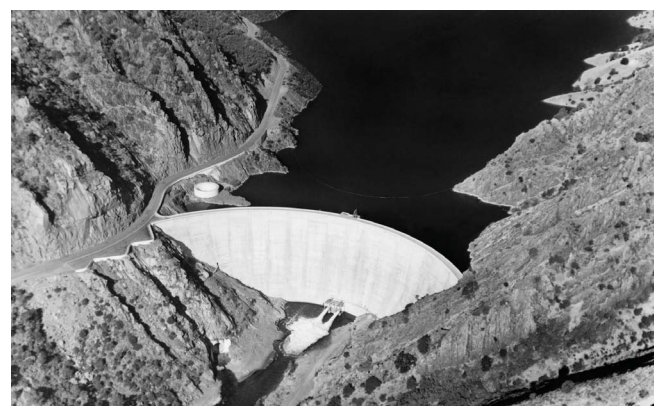
THE MISSION OF THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IS TO MANAGE, DEVELOP, AND PROTECT WATER AND RELATED RESOURCES IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SOUND MANNER IN THE INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.



Since Reclamation's establishment in 1902, the agency has provided vast water supply opportunities for the Western United States. Reclamation's projects have contributed to the social fabric of the West and the well-being of its people. Reclamation has developed and continues to be involved in the management of a limited natural water supply to provide power, irrigation, municipal and industrial, flood control, recreation, tribal, and environmental benefits. Reclamation's facilities include 348 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 245 million acre-feet of water, 58 hydroelectric power plants, and more than 300 recreation sites. These facilities:

- Generate more than 40 million kilowatt hours of energy a year, making Reclamation the nation's second largest producer of hydroelectric power.
- Deliver water to 1 out of every 5 Western farmers for about 10 million acres of irrigated land that produces 60% of the nation's vegetables and 25% of its fruits and nuts.
- Deliver more than 10 trillion gallons of municipal, rural, and industrial water to more than 31 million people in the West.
- Provide water to support habitat for wildlife refuges, migratory waterfowl, fish, and endangered species.
- Deliver water to Indian tribes through irrigation projects and potable water supplies.
- Provide water-based recreation activities for about 90 million visitors a year.
- Provide flood control benefits and drought contingency planning and assistance to the Western states and tribes.

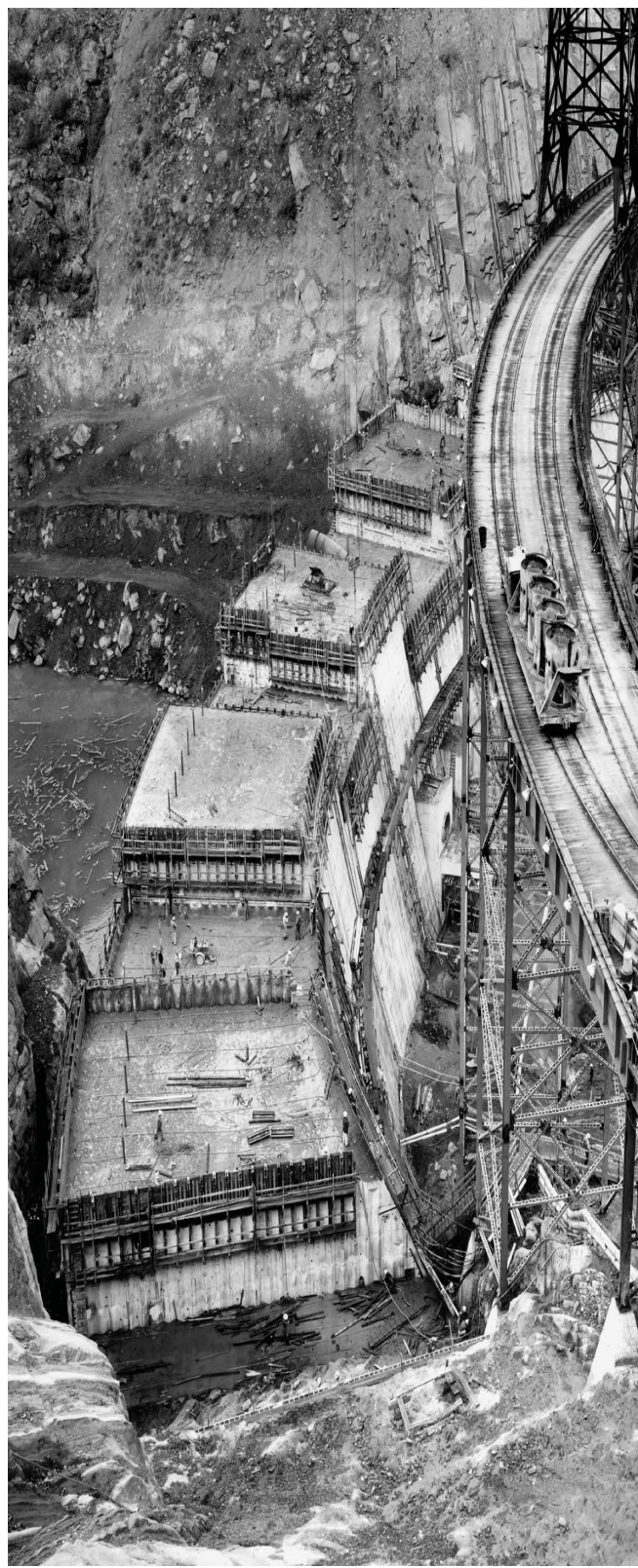
Since 1902, Reclamation has operated in the 17 Western States. Water supplies once available to serve a population of 10 million people in 1902 must now serve a growing population of 80 million. Reclamation will continue to meet its historic mission of supplying agricultural water and producing hydroelectric power, while addressing new challenges.



History

Long before Europeans came upon the scene in the Berryessa Valley, it was inhabited by indigenous people, a hunter-gatherer society known as the Southern Patwin people. Though information on the Southern Patwin is limited, the Wintu culture has given historians a reliable source to recount Southern Patwin life.

The valley was named after Jose and Sisto Berryessa, owners of one of the largest Mexican land grants issued. The town of Monticello was a small farming community located in Berryessa Valley prior to the creation of Lake Berryessa in 1957. All that remains of the townsite are scattered foundations deep beneath the lake's surface.



Activity Guide

Recreation Area	Boat Launch	Hand Launch	Tent Camping	Picnicking	Gas	Ranger Station	Marina	Restrooms	Store	Shade Shelter	Swimming	Telephones	Fishing	Trails
Reclamation 707-966-2111														
Camp Berryessa (reservation only)														
Capell Cove/Launch Ramp														
Oak Shores/Day Use Area														
Smittle Day Use Area														
Lake Solano Park 530-795-2990														
Markley Cove 707-966-2134														
Pleasure Cove 707-966-2172														
Steele Park 707-966-2123														
Spanish Flat 707-966-7700														
Lake Berryessa Marina 707-966-2161														
Rancho Monticello 966-2188														
Putah Creek 966-2116														

Legend



NAPA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MARINE PATROL UNIT



DOES YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER WORK?

All vessels require one wearable life jacket sized for each person on board and vessels over 16' require a type IV "throwable" which must be immediately available. P.W.C. operators, P.W.C. passengers and children under 12 must wear their life jackets.



Alcohol, Drugs, and Water don't mix well. Persons operating a vessel, skiing, tubing, or boarding under the influence are not only dangerous to others, but are subject to the same penalties as driving a vehicle under the influence.



If you have any questions regarding these or any other boating laws, please contact our Marine Patrol Office at 707-253-4637 or 707-966-2121.

While on the water, you can contact the Sheriff on Marine VHF-Channel 16.

IN EMERGENCY CALL 911 OR IF CALLING FROM A CELLULAR PHONE CALL 707-253-0911.

